

2020 Henderson AGM moves to Ridgeview/Branson, Missouri May 1 - 3

Gather to renew friendships, explore our roots, have fun in the varied resort activities, dine at 5 star restaurants per Trip Advisor, tap your toes to a Ceilidh, and generally be Scottish for a weekend! We'll be at the Big Cedar Lodge-America's Premier Wilderness Resort (bigcedar.com). Lodging ranges from rooms to private cabins:

Schedule **Fri PM:** * . Get to know each other at Top of the Rock https://bigcedar.com/attractions/top-of-the-rock/>

Saturday AM: * Registration and Assembly 8:30 A.M.

* Family Histories Displays (contact Dusty Mills for assistance)

* Silent Auction of Scottish items (proceeds to CHS scholarships)
For more info contact: Steve Henderson VP Operations

* Welcome to the Inaugural Gathering (Vince Henderson, VP General Counsel)

* Introductions * Scots' Paths to America (Leon Hicks, President) * Preserving the Past * Scottish Customs (Dave Henderson, High Commissioner & Chieftan) *Scottish Culture & Faith (Fred Sanford, Counselor to the Chief) Catered Lunch (Included)

Saturday Afternoon: * Individual choices of golf, spa, horses, Branson, fishing, boating, wagon rides..(not included in registration) * Genealogy Workshop (Included)

Saturday Evening: (Included)

* Dinner and Ceilidh (get together) with Celtic musicians (Farnum Family) at Keeter Center. * Announce Winners of Family History Displays and Auctions

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* Kirk at Garden Chapel * Brunch and goodbyes Beannachd leat! (Blessings be with you)

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Clan Henderson Society Historical Program

Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society

One of the key elements of our Society is to promote our heritage and Henderson history.

We have been very effective in our effort to establish a Society dedicated to this proposition; however, as far as creating a history per se we have not been very successful for several reasons to include not having a well-defined program. In other words, what is the role of the historian?

Secondly, we have never committed resources to the effort. Only recently have we established an archive program the primary purpose of which is to digitize the newsletter *An Canach*. This is a very important first step, but it only addresses one facet of the many facets of the program.

With this in mind, I have identified three principal areas of historical research that should be developed in order to create a Henderson History, or legacy. I'm initiating the following efforts to create an enduring Clan Henderson Society History Program.

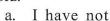
1. Society Historian; this effort is centered on capturing and documenting activities within the Clan Henderson Society, and the persons involved in creating and maintaining the Society, since its inception. Much of this information will be contained within the pages of the *An Canach*, but there are likely many stories and vignettes that are not to be found there. This activity is intended to reach out to those members who were involved in the Society's creation as well as those who have been, or are currently involved in the operation of the society, to capture their stories as well.

a. The person I've asked to take a lead on this

effort is <u>Dottie Henderson</u>. Many of you may remember that Dottie was our Society's Secretary for many years.

- b. She will be coordinating with many of the "old-timers" of the Society to capture your stories
- c. She will need administrative help with organizing and formatting the information
 - 2. Henderson's in History Historian; this ef-

fort will be a primarily focused on traditional historical research to develop a document/or documents that chronicle Hendersons throughout history who have made significant contributions to society. Many may be lesser known figures, but who's story needs to be told.



identified a person to lead the effort. If you are interested in helping to coordinate the effort, please let me know. I have spoken with Suzanne Emerson, the South Pacific Regional Commissioner, who frequently posts interesting articles about famous Hendersons. She has volunteered to contribute to the effort; however, we need to identify someone who can recruit others to assist in collecting and formatting data.

- b. This may not be a part of the digital archive per se, but this is to be determined.
- 3. Henderson Family Historian; that captures family stories many have about their own families and ancestors. In recent *Facebook* posts I encountered many very interesting stories about family members who served in the armed forces, settled the frontier of North America, Australia, Canada,

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President's Quarterly Message

Leon Hicks

Clan Henderson Society
President

Hopefully everyone is aware of the change of date and venue for this year's Annual General Meeting.

The change was necessitated by the fact that the original location chosen, St Louis, could not commit as to whether or not this event will take

place at all. So, the leadership team decided that the best approach was to leverage the previously scheduled event at Ridgeview, Missouri, not far from Branson.

I hope you will join us there May 1-3 at Big Cedar Lodge.

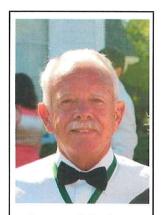
Among the more important decisions to be made at this event are the election of officers for the next two years, the approval of the By Laws to establish the Fordell Society Foundation for charitable giving and estate planning, and the election of the officers for the Fordell Society/Foundation.

If you have an interest in serving as a member of the executive board on either of the organizations, please provide your contact information to Steve Henderson, Vice President of Operations.

More information on Big Cedar Lodge is available on our website: <clanhendersonsociety.org> and beginning on the front page of this publication.

There are several lower cost hotels in the area.

The Clan Henderson Society historical effort is also looking for members to support this very



Leon Hicks

important effort. The Henderson history initiative is described in more detail elsewhere in this edition of the *An Canach*. Please feel free to contact me directly if you are interested.

As we enter into another season of Highland events and athletics, we are working diligently to

acquire more convenor support materials such as banners and shields.

In an effort to be as fiscally responsible as possible for these materials, we have identified alternative materials and suppliers.

It is up to each Regional Commissioner (RC) to identify the need in their respective regions and communicate these to the Vice President of Operations.

If you are a convenor contact your Regional Commissioner to place an order for material support.

We will do our best to accommo-

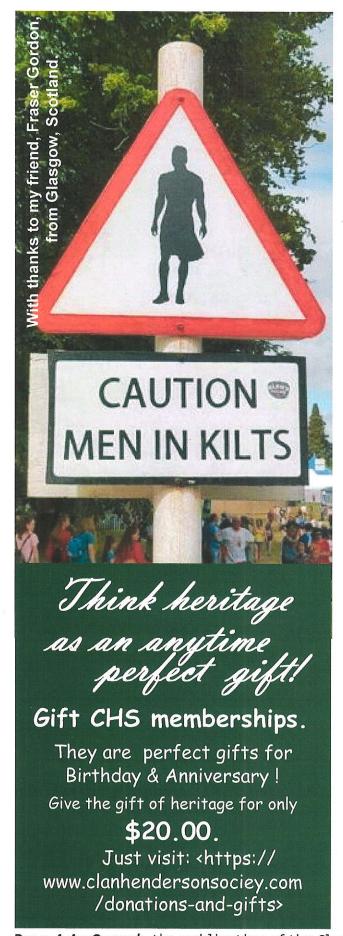
date these requests.

Lastly, I want to express our great appreciation to all our Regional Commissioners.

They have done an excellent job in representing and promoting our society.

I am especially pleased about how quickly and aggressively our newly appointed Commissioners have become engaged.

Please reach out to your RC and volunteer to help. Their contact information is included in this edition of the *An Canach*.





Date change! The Coastal Highland Games in Myrtle Beach, SC was scheduled for March. The new date is April 25, 2020. Leon and Ann Hicks are convening. Come join us! The weather should be better!

Wanna see and read
CHS's Meri Russel's
absolutely great
spreadsheet on
Scottish games?
Just email:
russell.charm@gmail.com

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The Chief's Prize for 2020

is awarded to

Steve Henderson

Waynesboro, Pennsylvania The Order of the Chief with Distinction is presented to

Lauri Smith & Cd Hendricks of Kennedy, New York of Demorest, Georgia

Other Clan Henderson Chief's Awards begin on page 30



With thanks to Mary Lane Henderson for the above photograph at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games last January. You will see an article and more photos of these games on page 7.

Henderson

Jacqueline Henderson

Cards to our cousins:

William Allen and Anna P. Henderson 1441 Nicklaus Dr. Springfield, PA 19064

We have all had Cancer touch our lives whether directly, or indirectly via a family member, friends, or acquaintances... and we all hear of cancer effecting people around the globe. When it hits <u>both</u> of your parents, it can surely change us in many ways.

In 1999, my Mom, Anna Henderson, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and she has continued to be fortunate enough to not

a few occasions, has had to go through intense rehabilitation to essentially walk on his own, and has been fighting this fight for several months now, trying to endure the very brutal, chemo treatments.

Also pictured is my Dad during one of the hospital in-patient stays during chemo, where he had a craving for an ice-cream cone.

What I see in this picture is a Henderson, a man who has been handed such a difficult task of

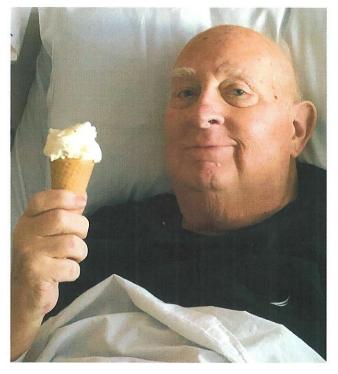


have had aggressive treatment, keeping this disease in remission.

Then, in the fall of 2019, my Dad, William A. Henderson, Sr., was diagnosed with Large B Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, which is a very aggressive cancer with a very powerful chemotherapy regimen.

Above is a picture of my parents, taken in June, 2019. They are very happily married, and have lived exceptionally great lives together.

Within a few weeks of the diagnosis, my Dad had lost so much weight, was in and out of ICU on



battling the side effects of chemotherapy because of having Cancer, but my Dad still manages to smile.

These last few months have taught me that having the love within a family is sometimes the best medicine that anyone needs to help to be healthy again.

We have all worked together as a family to help my Mom and Dad, especially my Dad..to get through this very challenging phase of his life, and I have come to realize that we are all, as my Dad has taught us, *Henderson Strong*!

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Left to Right, A partial list of names: Philip Lowe, Nancy Lowe, Dave Henderson and Kari Henderson, Dan Henderson, Judy Henderson, Ann Deluda, and Mike Deluda.

Dr. Daniel Henderson



The Central Florida Scottish Highland Games were January 18-19.

Judy and I were the conveners at Winter Springs, FL, just outside of Orlando.

We greeted a number of people who are interested in joining Clan Henderson. Most were either a Henderson or a sept.

They were interested in Clan Henderson and the history of the Hendersons in Scotland. It was estimated to be close to 10,000 people attending this year.

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If you shop Amazon, you could be donating to The Clan Henderson Society with every purchase!

For those of you that are unaware, Amazon will donate .05% of your Amazon purchases to The Clan Henderson Society.

The instructions to use this program are as follows:

Go to www.smile.amazon.com

- * Login or create an Amazon account if you don't already have one.
- * At the bottom of the screen you can "Pick Your Charitable Organization."
 - * Type in Clan Henderson Society in the box and select search.

Once you have selected your charity Just shop and .05% of your before tax total will be donated.

Remember

You have to login to your Amazon account through www.smile.amazon.com
Not all items qualify for a donation to be made but most do.

It's that easy.

Ask your friends and family who already shop Amazon, to now shop Smile. Amazon. com and pick Clan Henderson Society as their charity.

Shopping Amazon any other way is just throwing money away. Every penny helps.

Staci Simpson





A thank you from Audrey Trawick

My name is Audrey Trawick. Welcome to the Orlando Highland Games. It is an honor to see you all again and, for some, meet you for the first time.

I am so excited to share with you a newsletter/update about me. I am a Premier Highland Dancer. I dance in the 16 and under 18 age category. I have recently taken and passed my Associate Highland Dance exam with a score of "Highly Commended," which is the highest score that a dancer or teacher can receive on an examination.

My teacher is Mrs. Elizabeth Constantine, with the Tampa Bay Highland Dancers from the Tampa Bay, Clearwater, Florida, part of the state.

That is just a stone's throw from the heart of the Scottish Dunedin area.

I cannot express how lucky I am to be a part of this fun, energetic, wonderful, hard-working and family oriented community that offers such wonderful teaching and dancing opportunities.

Since I am now a Certified Dance Instructor, I wanted to take a minute to update you on my plans for the coming year.

As always, I am once again searching for scholarship opportunities.

I have plans to travel to Ohio this June to attend the Ohio Scottish Arts School and take my qualifying "Members" examination. This is an important exam for Associate Highland Dance Instructors. Basically, this exam is a more in depth Highland Dance certification which will qualify me to instruct competitive dancers and register dancers under my name for competitions as their instructor.

It is always very exciting to be able to do that, once an associate teacher has gained a "Member" certificate.

Over the summer/fall, I spent 12 weeks choreographing a mixed Highland/jazz number which was performed at a local event within the community. I am happy to report that it was a huge success with the crowd. I have had a lot of compliments from both the parents and the dancers involved.

As for my 2020 dance year, I plan to compete in several championships, as well as other seasonal events. Those include: Orlando, Dunedin, Jacksonville, Southeast Regionals in Savannah and at the United States Inter-Regional Highland Dance Competition (USIR), this year in Colorado.

Championship competitions are often expensive, but offer the best opportunities for competitive growth as dancers from around the world gather at these events to compete.

Depending on scholarships and fund-raising opportunities, I plan to attend as many events this year as I possibly can, both in and outside of my region.

I hope you might remember me when scholarship season begins. Thank you so much for your support.

Venues of the 2020 Clan Henderson AGM





CHS Historians, continued from page 2

etc. There are numerous other stories posted daily about family members and ancestors that are very interesting reading. It would be a great addition to our archive (especially if it can be digitally archived) for our library.

a. No one has been identified to lead this effort. If you are willing please let me know.

b. Given the nature of the effort, it may be very difficult to develop a systematic format but, if one

is to be attempted, it should be created before requesting input

c. This could, and probably should, become a part of the digital archive as well as a part of the hardcopy archive in the Odom Genealogical Library.

Persons wanting to take on a role in creating the history should be able to work effectively with on-line com-

munications, move data effectively and store it in a logical filing system (on-line), able to coordinate with other members of the team to share information and manage the work, and have sufficient knowledge about various applications that will help with the work. The Society Leadership Team will work with you and provide the support needed. If there is financial assistance needed to purchase items for the effort. We will help to the degree possible. Next year we will create a line item in the budget to support the effort at which time the CHS Historians will have a better idea of their requirements and needs.

By now you are thinking this is a big effort! Yes, it will be a huge effort, but it is one that will be an ongoing effort. It is also an effort where nearly all

> CHS can participate and develop a true sense of "belonging", and also becoming a contributor to posterity. It is my expectation that future generations will appreciate the efconsiderable "mining" of these materials. Before launching into this, we need to have a good idea of how we are going to process

fort and there may be the materials so we are



not scrambling to figure it out as the data comes in. Perhaps one-way to deal with the Family History is to have regional specialists who help organize and format and then pass the information along to the principal organizer? If Regional coordinators cannot be identified - the information will go directly to the appropriate Historians as described above.



The Fordell Society, Inc. - AGM 2020

Leon Hicks, President, Clan Henderson Society

This is to notify the Clan Henderson Society that there will be a review, approval and adoption of the By Laws written to establish the Fordell Society, Inc., at this year's AGM.

The Fordell Society will be a 501c3 not for profit, charitable organization established to receive donations designated by estates, corporations, and individuals in order to establish the foundation for future contributions to our scholarships and other charitable giving.

The funds will be managed in a different manner than our dayto-day operational funds. These funds will be placed in financial instruments with an eye toward long term growth of assets. The ultimate goal will be to support our charitable giving programs with earnings and interest versus principal.

A slate of Executive Officers and Directors will be presented and duly elected at the 2020 AGM. The documents, along with the list of elected officers, will then be submitted to IRS for formal approval and receipt of a Tax Identification Number.

Note that all donations will be tax deductible. The By-Laws will be posted on the website for your review.

New AGM location, continued from page 1

- * Please register here for the AGM: https://ww.centralregionclanhendersonsociety.com/register,
- * Please: register https://www.com/292748549 to reserve a room/lodging
- * Build a Family History Display: your story
- * Silent Auction: participate

Contact for more information:
Charm Russell, Central Region Commissioner
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Louis Russell (louis.russell@functionalproteins.com),
or LaRhee Henderson
(LaRhee.henderson@drake.edu; 515-557-0646)

Register here: https://www.centralregionclanhendersonsociety.com/register





Margaret Sanford

January 1, 2020 dawned as a beautiful sunny day.

We were off to the festivities at Rural Hill (home of the Loch Norman Highland Games).

We were greeted with bagpipes playing for those getting ready to start the walk around the property. This Scottish celebration of Hogmanay is done every year to make sure the property is protected.

Upon their return we had some readings from Robert "Bobby" Burns by our Clan Chaplain Fred Sanford. He followed the readings with a blessing for those who contributed to the Stone Soup and other foods (goodies) we were about to eat.

There were at least 200 in attendance from the young to senior citizens.

A good time was had by all and many new friendships were made. We hope to see everyone back at Rural Hill for the Loch Norman Highland Games!

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Dr. CRichard Goodwin!

CHS Society's former Mid South Region Commissioner is now in Brussels, serving as Director, Communications and Electronics, US Mission to Nato!



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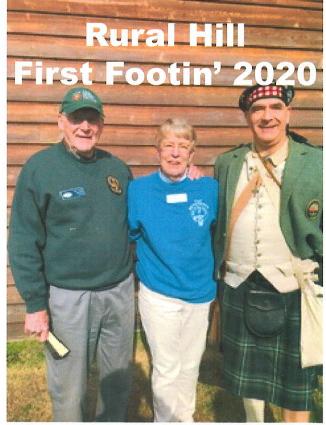




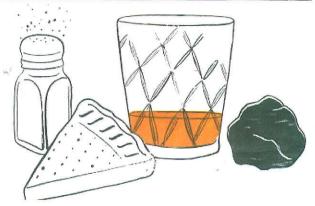
A guid New Year tae ye!



First Footin' photos by Margaret "Peggy" Sanford







Finding Ancestral Places of Origin

Bryan L. Mulcahy, MLS

Locating the place of origin for immigrant ancestors can be one of the most frustrating searches encountered by genealogists and historians. While this challenge applies more for immigrants to the United States or Canada, Americanborn ancestors may present this same issue regard-

ing the birthplace. This can be particularly frustrating if living parents, grandparents, or other family members refuse to discuss any events, facts, or individuals related to the past.

The following list of United States record types have a proven track record for successful research. These records apply to foreign and United States places of origin or birth. For a more complete listing of records that cover this topic,

feel free to email me at the address listed at the end of this article.

- 1. Alien Registrations
- 2. Baptismal/Christenings and Other Church Records
 - 3. Bible Records
 - 4. Census Records (Federal and States)
- 5. Civil Birth, Death, and Marriage Records/ Applications (Don't Forget French-Canadian Catholic Church Marriages When Applicable)
 - 6. Civil/Criminal Court Records
 - 7. Delayed Birth Certificates
 - 8. Diaries and Journals
 - 9. Military Enlistment and Service Records
- 10. Naturalization Records and Court Proceedings
- 11. Newspaper Obituaries and/or Stories (Anniversaries, Personal Profiles, and Weddings)
- 12. Ship Passenger Arrival and Departure Records

If the subject of your search has a unique or

unusual surname in a given locality, a general search in these and similar records may yield valuable clues. In other cases, you may need to search for neighbors and/or acquaintances to uncover the information.

Bryan Mulcahy, M.L.S.

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P.S. I have done genealogy since I couldn't read...my Scottish grandmother, born Annie Roberta McDonald, started telling me stories about my family

and tales of when "she was a little girl" while I was still in the baby crib.

The first thing she told me...and told me regularly, so I would not forget, was: "Your four great grandfather was a wee red-headed Scotsman who walked with a cane and ate from gold plates. He left land and money to James Madison McDonald, who could not go back for it."

Everybody in my family had to learn that.

I have never forgotten. I have also never, ever found anything to do with that...except that in the sunshine, my hair is as red as it can be.

For so many years, I went from library to library and wrote copious inquiring letters to many folks. I would search books all day and maybe would find ONE date or place or initial. The fartherest I had anyone back was the mid 1700s.

Back about four years ago, Tom and I had our DNA done and I joined Ancestry.com.

I did know enough by then not to be surprised Continued on page 15



Amouncements



1, I have just appointed a new Quartermaster for our Society - Christopher Story. He is in the process of "standing up" his activity and will be working closely with myself and others on the leadership team. He can be reached at **christopherstory98@yahoo.com**. Hopefully we will have the program up and running very soon. We are still "ironing out" some of the procedures and requirements.

2. I am initiating a program to send emails to passive members encouraging them to re-enlist. I've come to realize that in many cases, when members have not been active for a year or more, they cannot renew for lack of a membership number. I'm offering my services, and that of the Regional Commissioner, to help with this effort.

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when the DNA came back and told me - in fancier language - that I am a complete Scottish Mutt.

I'm not really sure, as I haven't counted lately, but I think I have well over 100 Scottish Clans in my families.

It had long been just something I did...to do genealogical talks all over the place and write genealogical columns for publications.....

Always, I would be sure to say to the assembled groups and in my writings, "You know, that each and every person on earth is related to the aristocracy and the fanciest of folks. By the time you go back only 20 generations, you're directly kin to some one million 400 thousand people. There are kings, queens, and every manner of honored and famous people in all of us."

If I was writing or talking about that, about then, I'd think, "Yeah, everybody but me."

The closest to "fancy" I had found was one of my "Cone" families who were dirt farmers in west Florida. It was rumored in my family that they were kin to the Royal family in England.

Mmm. They did name one daughter, Queen Ann and another daughter, Queen Mary.

I was excited to begin work on Ancestry.com. I had the advantage of all that early work I had done...as I could transcribe everything to the computer.

Holy Cow! It was so much fun getting started and having records from all over the world to use.

Months flew by as I would squeeze in a few minutes or a few hours here and there to work on my family tree.

Then, one night, I was plugging along in my Henderson family (Mary Frances, "Molly" Henderson was my great grandmother), and as I traced one of my great great, etc., grandmothers back...I saw on the screen, "Buried at Fordell Castle."

"YIKES!" I hollered to Tom (our offices are next door to each other) "Holy Cow, here's someone buried at Fordell. I don't care if she was a laundry lady or a scullery maid...she's buried at Fordell Castle!"

She wasn't a maid or laundry lady. She was married to the Baronet and her name was Margarette Bruce and she was my sixth great grandmother.

If you haven't started your genealogy on the Internet so that you may take advantagte of all the wealth of information that is stored there, and you truly want to know "from whence you came," please do it.

I've worked enough to have almost 17,000 folks in my family Tree...and haven't really gotten started.

Genealogy is my treat. I am thrilled always to have a little time to learn something else.

Aye, beth



The Massacre at Glencoe, February 13, 1692

Dave Henderson,

High Commissioner and Chieftain of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc.

The date 13 February 1692 is etched deep in the annals of Scottish history as a most treacherous and heinous moment for Macdonalds & Hendersons. All know the murderous order given to "root out every branch and twig". What some may not be aware of was Big Henderson of the Chanters was the Macdonald Chief's, McIan's piper, and one of the first to fall. Of the 38 residents killed outright 24 were Henderson's but many more froze to death attempting to escape the glen.

Present day Glencoe resident, Mrs. Ross McDonald, owner of the Glencoe Folk Museum located beside Saint Mary's Episcopal church, has a photograph of a ring/seal handed over by a Henderson to his teenage son and commanded to flee the Glen. Last report holds that the ring/seal had made it's way to possession of someone in Kentucky.

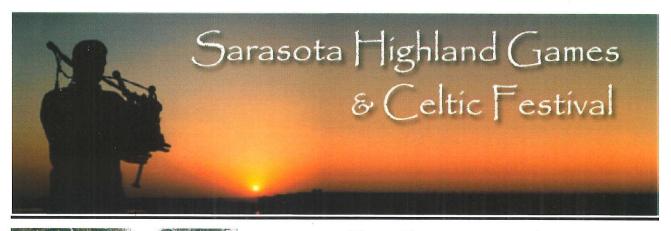
View the attached photo of the Glen and picture fleeing up the slopes in a blizzard at 4:00am. The Earl of Argyle (Archibald Campbell's) troops had both ends of the Glen blocked so no one could escape.

Thanks go to my daughter Robin who found the above photo on social media and shared with me. If you zoom in on top of the mountain peak, there appears to be a passing meteor.

I also offer a sincere thank you to our Scottish cousin, Allen Henderson, of West Lothian for his dedication to maintaining the area at The Henderson Stone situated on private property in Glencoe.

Please share this with others that all should join me on this day to raise a wee dram and toast the Henderson's of Glencoe. Slainte!

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Alan Henderson, Convener

The day of the 26th Sarasota, (Florida) Games & Celtic Festival was damp, chilly and gave the false impression of becoming "lack luster.". They were held February 1, 2020.

Nothing could be farther from accurate. Rainy weather which could have dampened the spirits of most "fair goers" was no match for the enthusiasm that the Sarasota Game attendees showed.

The sports fields were well attended. Each athlete attacked their event with focus, humor and high spirits.

Crowds increased as the day progressed. The herding dog demonstrations were, as always, a big hit with everyone.

At the Clan Henderson tent Alan Henderson and his oldest daughter, Karen Henderson, built interest and excitement in guests by providing leads and information on Clan or family of origin through reference materials, historical / cultural discussion and providing guidance in family research.

A rumor quickly spread among many attendees that Clan Henderson was giving out chocolate! Guilty as accused!

Several of the purposes of Clan Henderson were met: encourage Scottish cultural activities, promote Scottish festivals, assist in genealogical research and promote fellowship and friendship.

Clans Irwin, Donald and McKenzie were extremely helpful in providing their experiences for a successful Clan presentation.

No success would have been possible without the mentoring given by Mr. and Mrs. Gregg McKendrick to the "first time" Convenor.

The Games proved again that common and desired heritage will always be a a force to unify, irregardless of the worse which Mother Nature can deliver.

William Henderson and New Rochelle, NY

Dorothy Henderson

New Rochelle is a town in Westchester County, New York State which is just above The Bronx. It was founded by Huguenots, who were escaping from Louis XIV, in France.

The first city hall was paid from the estate of William Henderson, by money from his will. William was the son of Alexander Henderson, who

lived on Henderson's Island, which is located off of New Rochelle, Alexander had come to New Rochellefrom Calcutta, India, now known as Kolkata, where he had served with the British Army until his retirement.

Alexander was born in South Carolina, the second son of

a Henderson, from Scotland who was the owner of a tobacco plantation. You can tell by his name that he was the second son because he was named according to family tradition. All first sons were named James, all second sons were named Alexander, and third sons were named William. First sons of first sons were named James Patrick. That is how my relatives were named. He was sent to school at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, became a doctor, and served with the British Army in Calcutta, the center of British activities in India until 1911. Delhi became the capital of India in 1911.

Alexander wanted to return to the United States when he retired and came to New Rochelle. I have not found any record of there being another Henderson in the area at that time. He became the Lord of the Manor of Henderson's Island. This is the island my father used to swim out to from Pelham Bay Park in The Bronx. The island was

later absorbed into Orchard Beach when that recreation area was constructed. It became a part of the parking lot. My father never told me anything about the Island.

I assume that Alexander could not return to South Carolina with his half-Indian son in 1810. He hired James Hague, the captain of a ship which

> went back and forth to India, and brought

his son from Calcutta. The captain reported that he had gone to India to pick up and bring back a girl who had been given to Alexander as a 'thank you" for saving the life of the Maharani, his favorite wife. He was a doctor and had used his knowledge

of medicine to save her. The girl said "No, I don't want to go to the United States". It is ridiculous to consider any girl saying no to a maharajah, so I am assuming that it was his real son who made the returning trip and William Henderson lived with Alexander.

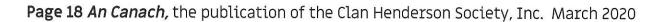
William's mother, Betsy (Elizabeth), used to write to him, from India but, unfortunately, none of the letters have been preserved.

The heart of the British colony was in Calcutta and so, perhaps, I can use my connections with a Genealogist who checked his records in Calcutta, which was the center of the British government in India until 1911.

The Information below was from Barbara Davis, former president of the Westchester County Historical Society. She wrote this article in 1997.

A Gift Worth the Wait

Three days before his death, twenty-five-year-Continued on page 19



old William Henderson made a substantial gift to New Rochelle. In his will of Jan. 9, 1812, he bequeathed to the fledgling Sound shore community \$1,200, which is equivalent today to \$23,185. "For the express purpose of building or erecting a Town Hall." The endowment, with its current stipulation, was an impressive sum of money for the day – precisely 185 years ago. There's a good deal of intrigue to this story, as well. Henderson was a native son of India.

Stitching together fragments – early recollec-

tions repeated many times over, the Town Records of New Rochelle 1699 -1828, and an account by Eldorous Dayton in the June 13 1938, issue of The Standard-Star, this unusual tale unfolds. We'll begin somewhere in Calcutta, sometime in the late 1700s. At the time, Alexander Bampfield Henderson was serving in India as a surgeon in the British

army, according to the Rev. William Hague, the father of Captain James Hague who brought William from Calcutta as told to Dayton through the British ambassador to India. Dr. Henderson became acquainted with the colony's reigning prince. When the raj's favorite wife became ill, the good doctor was asked to render medical treatment. The operation was a success evidently, as the prince presented the surgeon with a gift of gratitude. As described by William Hague, the surgeon was offered "a beautiful Circassian slave girl, about 13 years of age".

Henderson alone returned to his home in Pelham. Soon after, however, he had a change of heart. He commissioned Capt. James Hague; whose ship regularly plied the India trade route to claim the prince's "present". The captain, by the way, was the Rev. Hague's son.

When Capt. Hague reached Calcutta, he found the girl "happily connected with a British household." In her place, a young Indian boy was brought to America aboard Hague's vessel. Dr. Henderson subsequently adopted the lad, giving him the name of William. When the surgeon died on Dec. 26, 1804 at the age of 47, his 17-year-old adopted son inherited Dr. Henderson's fortunes.

Within eight years, the younger Henderson was stricken with a fatal illness. The doctor who cared for him-during his final days was named as

an executor and an heir in William's will. It has long been believed that Dr. David Rogers was responsible for Henderson's Town Hall bequest. Perhaps the doctor also had a hand in the provisions cited by William for "the education of poor children." Despite seemingly good intentions, the



Henderson legacy traveled a rocky course.

"Resolved that Joshua Soulice, James Bartine (Bertine) and Matson Smith be appointed to receive the money from the Estate of William Henderson Deed" state the minutes of New Rochelle's Annual Town Meeting, 1813. The meeting, as usual, was held at the home of Micajah Pinkney during the first week in April. The business of the day included the selection of commissioners and inspectors for the common schools, the passing of a resolution to raise \$550 "for the support of the Poor" and one that required "that the same Hogg Law be as last year with the addition of Hoggs and swine."

The next year, when the annual Town Meeting took place in the house of "the Late Michajah

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How to say who we are!

Clann Eanruig (pronounced KLAHN YAHN-reegk) is the Gàidhlig (Scots Gaelic) name for the Scottish clan known as "the Hendersons" in English.

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Pinkney," a full town council was selected - town supervisor, town clerk, farmer accessors, commissioners of highways, fence, and damage viewers, overseers of highways, overseers of the poor and a pound master.

Three new positions had also been added. Daniel Pelton, Benjamin Drake and James Bertine were named "Commissioners for building town house" and were authorized to purchase land for "Building Said House."

Interestingly, Pelton had also been named as a beneficiary in Henderson's will. At the town meeting of 1815, the commissioners were given the go-ahead to petition "the Legislator for proper authority for Receiving the amount of money left by Mr. Henderson for Building Town House."

And so it went for a decade say the Records of the Town of New Rochelle. "Commissioners for building the town house" came and went or died. Dozens of council members were given authority to petition the state for

the milling funds. Numerous resolutions to obtain the money were passed to no avail.

Finally, the townspeople took the case to court. Thomas Emmet Jr., the Master in Chancery to the Chancellor of the State of New York, delivered a ruling in 1823. Defendants John Bonnett Jr., David Rogers, Jr., and the deceased Daniel Pelton were ordered to account for the New Rochelle's still-unpaid inheritance.

According to Dayton's article, Master Emmet "found the Henderson assets were \$28,885 and that

the legacies had been paid at a rate of 85 percent to all beneficiaries with the exception of the town" and another individual – cited as Elizabeth.

"Named in the said will as the mother of the said testator". Emmet wrote, Elizabeth was stated to have been a resident of Hindostan and never have been in the United States and never claimed the same, William had bequeathed \$1,200 (equivalent today to \$23,185) to his birth mother,

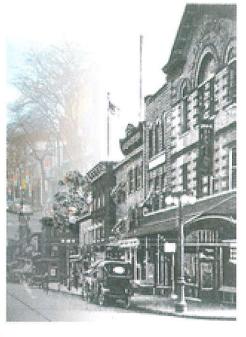
just as he had gifted to New Rochelle. Although letters from Elizabeth to her son continued arriving after William's death, the defendants never attempted to locate her or execute her legacy. Emmet also determined that "they had reason to believe that she was alive in some part of the East Indies".

On the third day of April 1827, the Annual Town Meeting was held in the home of Erastus H. Weed. "After some delay we have obtained the account of the executors of Henderson," begins a letter recorded at the official gathering.

The correspondence concluded that Elizabeth was "in all probability dead". The town accepted their share of the Henderson Legacy, a total of \$1,685 on Jan.14, 1828.

New Rochelle's first municipal building was completed 11 months later. The two-story wooden Town Hall, with an income-producing store on the first floor, stood at the corner of what is now Main Street and what was Mechanic Street.

By 1868, the town of New Rochelle had floated a \$20,000 bond for the construction of a new civic building.



Steve Henderson, CHS Vice President, Operations awarded the 2020 Chief's Medal



Following the 2019 Alexandria, Virginia Christmas Walk, the Clan Henderson Society members were present for the awarding of the Steve Henderson's Chief's Medal at Primo's Restaurant following the parade.

Dave Henderson, High Commissioner and Chieftain of the Clan Henderson Society, by appointment of the Chief Alistair Henderson of Fordell presented the plaque.

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Another Successful Scottish Christmas Walk Alexandria VA.

Leon Hicks, President, CHS

It was another successful Henderson outing despite the weather.

It is not uncommon for weather to be a factor at this event. Having been the principal organizer for this event since 1998, we/I have seen it all.

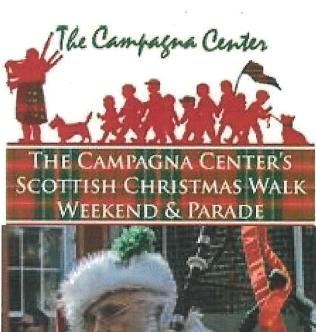
This year we had a rainy day, but at least it wasn't very cold.

Even with the weather huge crowds greeted us as we walked through the streets of Alexandria.

Clan Henderson, as always, was the best represented Clan in the parade. This year we had 33 marchers many of whom traveled great distances to be there.

Among these were Charm and Louis Russell who received the prize for having traveled the furthest. Charm is the Commissioner for the Central Region and her husband Louis is the Director of Corporate Outreach; they traveled from Iowa to participate.

Other travelers came from North Carolina and include Fred Sanford (Clan Chaplain) and Peggy Sanford (former Society Secretary), Dave and Kari Henderson (Dave is the Deputy Head of the Bodyguard), Ann Hicks (Director of Youth Activities) and Leon Hicks (President, CHS). Ed Hendricks, Commissioner of the Southeast Region traveled from Georgia, and Steve Henderson, the new Vice





President Operations traveled from Pennsylvania.

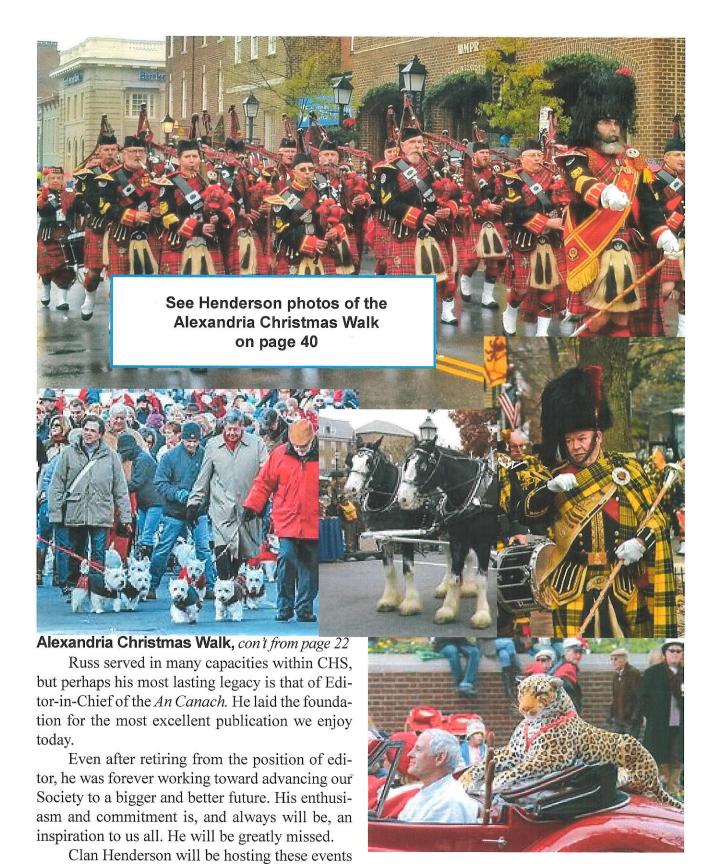
Vince Henderson, CHS Vice President for Legal Affairs and his wife Shari, traveled from Arkansas; Mark Henderson, Vice President Members, and his wife Sandi, traveled from Waynesboro, Virginia, located in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

We had a total of thirty-three strong-hearted Hendersons who braved the elements to participate.

On behalf of the society I want to thank everyone who participated.

The Clan Henderson Christmas Ceilidh was held afterwards at Primo's Restaurant in Alexandria. There we were joined by the family of Russ Henderson. It was a great honor to have Judy and other members of the family there to share memories of Col Russ Henderson who was such an important figure in sustaining our society.

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It is a great parade!

again next year – the first Saturday of December. Please mark your calendars and plan to the join

the family again next year.

To the new members of the Clan Henderson Society!

Cead Mile Failte A Handred Thomsand Welcomes

The Gaelic Spelling of Ceud Mile Failte! Irish: Cead Mile Failte.

Mark Henderson, FSA Scot Vice President, Members

Clan Henderson Society, Inc. and Mark Henderson, Vice President, Members, welcomes brand new cousins to our ranks!

For November 2019 through January 2020, our new members include from the **Far South Region**, Kenneth Henderson of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; DeAnn Sellmann of Fort Worth, Texas; and Melinda J. Henderson of Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Great Lakes Region welcomes Lucien Henderson of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Brand new cousins in the **Mid East Region** include Terrell Dorn of Fredericksburg, The Clan Henderson Society South East Region welcomes Thomas Henderson of Charlestonh, South Carolina; Erin Henderson Dearing of Summerville, South Carolina; Carren Henderson Sellers of Sandy Springs, Georgia; Andrew Henderson of Rockledge, Florida; Marlene K. Lambiaso from Winter Springs, Florida; Darlene Hazel Patrick of Winter Sptings, Florida; and Annette Chaffee of Chuluota, Florida.

CHS's **South West Region s**ays "howdy" and welcome to Heather Henderson of Saratoga Springs, Utah; Charles W. Henderson

New Members! When you get your new kilt or kilted skirt in one of the Henderson tartans, don't forget to have it "christened" at the Henderson Clan tent at the next Highland Games you attend. (Your new garment will simply have a bit of "the Water of Life" added to it!)

Virginia, and Pamela Henderson Richardson of Mineral, Virgina.

We have new members from the **Mid South Region** who include Jeannie Caraballo of Kessler AFB, Mississippi; Raymond Henderson of Fayetteville, Tennessee, and Vonette J. Shelton-Curtis of Hanson, Kentucky.

of Peyton, Colorado; Kenneth "Brad" Henderson of New Braunfels, Texas and Kendall Hill of Woods Cross, Utah.

Internationally, we have two new members: Lois Beiroa of Santiago de Compestela, La Caruna, Spain and Robert John Henderson of East Sussex, South East England, United Kingdom.

Congratulations!

Our length of membership awards!

Pins for 25 years, 15 years and 5 years!

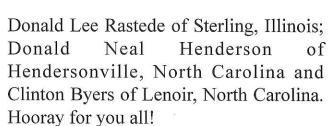
Mark Henderson, FSA Scot

Vice President, Members

Mark Henderson, FSA Scot, Vice President, Members for the Clan Henderson Society, Inc., announces that the 25 Year Pin, the 15 Year Pin and the 5 Year Pin awards for this time period will be awarded now.

25 Year Pin winners are Albert Partee, III of Brentwood, Tennessee; Robynne M. Pennington of Denver, Colorado; Harold T. Armstrong of Mantua, New Jersey; Richard M. Henderson of Orlando, Florida and Suzanne Henderson Emerson of San Carlos, California will be receiving their gold pins in the USPS mail soon. Congratulations!

15 Year Pin winners include Dr. Robert W. Hendry of Saint Charles, Maryland; Ian Carter of Decatur, Georgia; David Scott Henderson of Jacksonville, Florida;



5 Year Pin winners this time are Lois Demler of Tonawanda, New York; Jo Henderson Bossart of Collinsville, Illinois; Peggy Goodale of Largo, Florida; David Henderson of Talloway, Ohio; James Henderson of Redlands, California; Martha L. Henderson of Bend, Oregon; Tom Henderson of Sherman, Texas; Dorothy Hendrix Hope of Gainesville, Florida; Stephanie Mayle of Fairmont, West Virginia; Christine Crawford Oppenheimer of Hyde Park, New York and Nancy Tiffany of Burke, Virginia, have achieved their first membership awards. Good for all of



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a Great Weekend!

The Highlands and Islands Celtic Festival

9 - 10 November in Gulfport, Mississippi

Lee & Dottie Henderson

Saturday started out a bit chilly, but the sun was out and it warmed up quickly. By 10:00 AM we discarded all sweaters and jackets and the rest of the weekend was sunny and warm.

With this weather, the games enjoyed a record crowd on both Saturday and Sunday.

There were twelve clans represented at this event and the Clan Henderson tent was very active as we helped visitors to the tent to find their clans.

We signed up one new member at the games and two more applications were taken home with visitors.

Member, Dr. Mark Henderson of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, brought his two Irish Wolfhounds, which turned out to be a great hit with all, especially the kids.

On Saturday, we were well represented in the Parade of Tartans when we recruited two Henderson youngsters to carry the banner.

On Sunday, after the Kirkin' o' the Tartans,

there was a salute to the veterans as the next day was Veterans Day.

Joining us for the parade were Mary Henderson Webb, her son Jack Webb, granddaughter, Kirsten Owen and grandson, Jacob Webb. Mary and the family are potential members.

Mark Henderson and Rory Downey also marched with Lee and our canine mascots, Barra and Grainya.

Mark and Rory helped set up and take down the tent. We



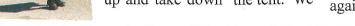






appreciated their help!

This was a great event and we plan to be there again next year.



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More photos from the Alexandria Christmas Walk....

These from CHS Member, Elise Clonts







For more than 70 years, The Campagna Center has been helping children, teens, and adults in Alexandria reach their potential.

The Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend & Parade is the largest fundraising activity for The Campagna Center and is coordinated and planned by the Junior Friends of The Campagna Center.

Since 1970, the Junior Friends have provided critical fundraising and volunteer support to the Center.



The Massacre of Glencoe,

the story continues from the last issue of An Canach

Just a short note from your editor: I've gone to the island on a wee boat and climbed up the steep and muddy bank to Eilean Munda. It is indeed a magical and somber place.

M°Ian was buried on the island of Eilean Munda in Loch Leven opposite Ballachulish.

McIan has an unmarked grave as it was feared his body would be exhumed and taken to be displayed in public by the King.

The island is not so large as you cannot "speak" to him with sorrow and love. I did

It is said that the soul of the last person buried there keeps watch over the island until the next person is buried...and it has been this way forever, and will always be.

Every tombstone on the island is made of local slate. Even the oldest ones appear as clear and crisp and easily readable as they did the day they were finished.

The Henderson Stone and the Massacre of Glencoe, 1692

It is generally believed that most of the men of the Earl of Argyll's Regiment, who carried out the massacre of the Macdonalds of Glencoe on 13 February 1692, did not know what they had been sent to do until the last minute, after they had been staying with the Macdonalds for some time.

However, various stories are told that indicate that some of the Argyll men did know, or had some suspicion, about what was going to happen, and tried to warn the Macdonalds about it. Even though many of them were Campbells whose lands had been raided by the Glencoe Macdonalds in

1689, they were still Highlanders, and the stories told suggest that they were horrified at what was planned and so tried to let the intended victims know.

One story concerns the stone shown below, which stands at Glencoe, and is today known as the Henderson Stone, after the MacEanruig or Henderson clan that also lived in Glencoe, with

the Macdonalds. The day before the massacre happened, one of these Hendersons was standing by the stone with an Argyll soldier, watching a game of shinty, when the soldier suddenly struck the stone and said, 'Great stone of the glen, great is your right to be here! But if you knew what will happen this night you would be up and away'.

Another story tells of a soldier billeted on a family of Macdonalds who, sitting with the family around the fire on the evening of the 12th of February, patted a dog on the floor and said to it, 'grey dog, if I were you

I would make my bed in the heather tonight'. The soldier then pretended to fall asleep, and the family, taking the warning, left the cottage and escaped to the hills, saving their lives.

A third story has a Campbell soldier, again sitting with the family with whom he had been billeted, admiring his host's plaid, and saying to him, 'were this good plaid mine, I would put it on and go and look after my cattle, I would put it on my shoulders and I would take my family and my cattle to a safe place'. Again, it is said that the family took the hint and saved themselves.



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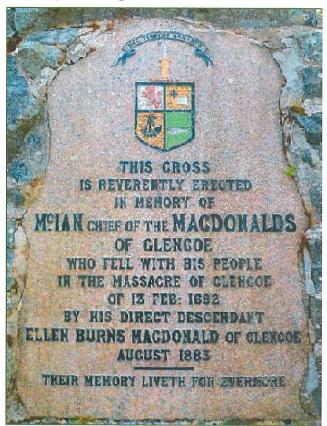
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Hugh Mackenzie, piper to Captain Robert Campbell of Glenlyon, is also said to have tried to let the Glencoe people know what was about to happen; on the evening of the 12th, he stood on the Henderson Stone and played a lament called *Women of the Glen* on his bagpipes, knowing that the Macdonalds could take this as a warning of something terrible about to happen.

The authenticity of these stories cannot be known, but the number of them suggest that there is some truth in them. It is possible that, without being forewarned, many more Macdonalds might have been killed than the 38 who were slaughtered on the 13th.

The Henderson Stone is below the massacre memorial but can only be accessed from the A82. At the first parking area on the left about 200m from the petrol station going South there is a small style leading across a field to the stone.





Following a number of requests from her fans, the words of Moira Kerr's song *M^cIan of Glencoe* are shown below. The song was, of course, inspired by the massacre of 38 members of the M^cIan clan (a branch of the MacDonalds) who were murdered by government troops in February, 1692.

McIan of Glencoe

The royal stag stands proudly on the hill Falling prey to man his mortal foe Some men know nought of dignity or pride And strike with no respect their deadly blow.

Yet still my lonely spirit soars, amid the mountains and the glen

From my ancestral burial ground, I am M^oIan The name MacDonald echoes still, within the hearts of Highland men

My restless soul will never sleep, I amMoIan

The east is flanked by Buachaile Etive Mor
At south the highest Bidian is here
Of treachery no warning will they give
But from the Signal Rock betrayal sounded clear.

Yet still my lonely spirit soars, amid the mountains and the glen

From my ancestral burial ground, I am M°Ian The name MacDonald echoes still, within the hearts of Highland men

My restless soul will never sleep, I am M°Ian My restless soul will never sleep..I am M°Ian, I am M°Ian

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The Massacre of Glencoe, February 13, 1692

The Clan Henderson Society, Inc., 2020 Order of the Chief's Awards

Congratulations to all of these Clan Henderson membrs who have been honored in 2020 for all of their hard work and enthusiasm.

Awards Committee Chairman:

Lee H. Henderson of Ocean Springs, Mississippi is given the Chief's Award as he has served as Regional Commisioner for the Mid South Region twice in a row and has convened many events in the region to the benefit of the Clan Henderson Society. Congratulations.

Steve MacLachlan of Bremen, Maine. Steve is the spouse of member Kathleen MacLachlan and has been invaluable assisting in convening the Clan Henderson Society tent at the Maine State Highland Games on several occasions. He also helped

extensively with the annual Kirkin' o' th' Tartans with his wife. Congratulations on his award of the 2020 Order of the Chief's Award. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS

Barbara Pamboukes, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, has been awarded the 2020 Order of the Chief's Award as she has been energetic and has set a fast pace as a new Regional Commissioner. In a short period of time, she has convened, enlisted support and reinvigorated her region. Congratulations!

Joyce Henderson of East Helena, Montana, is a winner of the 2020 Order of the Chief's Award. She is the Regional Commissioner of the North Pacific Region. She has set an energetic and committed example in support of the Clan Henderson Society in the Region. Congratulations.

William Henderson of Morristown, New

Jersey, is an Order of the Chief's Award winner for 2020. He has lent long term assistance to the VP of Members in helping collect dues. His efforts have increased passive retention from 33% to 47% in 2019. Congratulations!

Kari Henderson of Wake Forest, North Carolina, is a recipient of the 2020 Order of the Chief's Award. Kari has consistently and on numerous occasions supported Clan Henderson Society activities with dedication and wonderful humor.

Contratulations.

Edwin P. Hendericks, Jr. of Demorest, Georgia has provided valued service as Mid East Regional Commissioner. As commis-

sioner, he has been the convener of a number of games in the region. He is an awardee of the 2020 Clan Henderson Society Order of the Chief's Award. Congratulations.

Rowland R. Bartoo of Bartlett, Texas, has been awarded a 2020 Clan Henderson Order of the Chief's Award. Bowland Bartoo has helped every year at San Antonio and Salado Games and has filled in as convener several times. Congratulations!

Rick Henderson of Spokane, Washington. He is awarded the Order of the Chief's Award as he has performed service in the Clan Henderson Bodybuard as the State Head of the Bodybuard for

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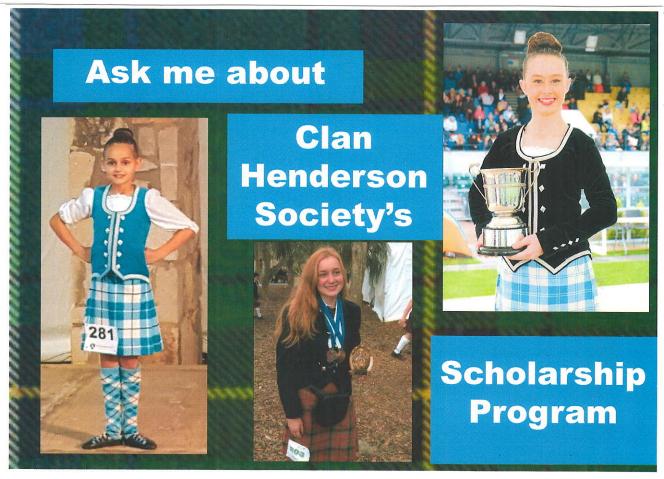
Washington, State. Congratulations.

Chrisopher Story is a new member of the Clan Henderson Society who is also a winner of the 2020 Order of the Chief's Award. He is from Yukon, Oklahoma. He has been active in games and gatherings. He competes in Novice Men's Highland Games. He represents the vitality and values of the the clan with long standing and dedi-

cated service in the Clan Henderson Society Bodyguard. Congratulations.

Sean Hendricks of Knoxville, Tennessee, is a winner of the 2020 Clan Henderson Society Order of the Chief's Award. He has lead the convening of several Henderson events in the Southeast Region of the Clan Henderson Society, Inc. Congratulations!





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The strangest genealogical tale I have ever found amongst my own "folks"



Beth Gay Freeman, FSA Scot

Sir John Henderson, 5th Baron of Fordell lived from November 3, 1605 until March 11, 1650. He died at the age of 44. He was my 9th great grandfather, so far as I can tell.

He was born and died at Fordell Castle, Dunfermline, Fife, Scotland.

He was a distinguished soldier, taken prisoner when commanding at the African Coast, ransomed and later fought on the side of the Royalsts in the Civil War when Henderson was invested as a Knight by King Charles, I.

He was in Africa from 1618 - 1628 when he was delivered into slavery by a Barbarian in Zanzibar on the coast of Africa.

The records say, "There a princess of that countrie falling in love with him, even to the renouncing of her religion and country, contrived the means of both their escape and getting aboard a ship trading up ye red sea landed at Alexandria where she died, whose picture, with her black maid,

John Henderson caused (to make to take back with him) after their own country habit."

The painting above is of the princess who fell in love with Sir John Henderson and who died on their way home. Her maid is also pictured.

The painting is from an original picture at Oterston by W. Frier, 1731.

His parents were Sir John Henderson 4th Baron of Fordell (1564-1617) and Agnes Balfour (1568-1610).

He married Lady Margaret Menteath (I think that is the proper spelling) on February 7, 1625. John and Margaret had four children. She lived 1611 - 1653. Her father was William Menteath of Randiford.

Those children were James, 1612 - 1674; William, 1625 - 1676; Sir John (the 6th Baron of Fordell) 1626 - 1683; and Robert, 1630-1665.

He also had one son and one daughter from another relationship.

Things like this are why genealogy is so very fasinating and interesting!



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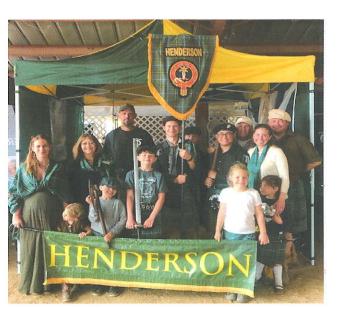






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